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Commissioners:

I have been an amateur radio operator since 1963 and have held an extra class license since the mid 70's. I am in favor of *keeping* Element 1 in the rules for General class applicants. CW serves a number of useful functions in the Amateur Radio service which merit its retention as a requirement for General class HF operation.

I agree with the reasoning in the paper<sup>1</sup> by Andrew Ross, ZS1AN, which I am including with this submission, rather than trying to restate it all myself. Please consider his arguments which apply as well to our country as they do to his.

Sincerely,  
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<sup>1</sup> [www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm](http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm)